

In accordance with the instructions you communicated to me, at the same time I have the honor to submit for your information the following remarks :

1st. I found that the variation of the magnetic needle in these Islands, is

I am convinced that there is no magnetic attraction in this Island ; I can offer no information on this subject, as to the other Islands.

2nd. I did not lay out a Village in this Island, for there never will be a population sufficient to establish it ; the Village will always remain at Grosse Isle, which is near this Island, where a beginning has already been made, and a Protestant Church in course of erection.

3. The entire population of these Islands is about 3,000 souls, who live for the most part by hunting and fishing. Barley, oats, and potatoes however, are grown, and ripen very well ; wheat does not succeed, or very rarely. The horses, horned cattle, and sheep are, generally speaking, superior and large, more particularly at l'Isle d'Entrée. They are sometimes exported to St. John's or Prince Edward's Island, where they sell to advantage.

4th. I have procured some plaster and some earth of various colours, with which the inhabitants of the Islands colour their houses and some black and red lead, and various stones and pebbles from the different Islands, which I have the honor herewith to transmit to you.

5thly. From the information I obtained from the inhabitants, it is worthy of remark, that there are neither snakes, adders, toads or frogs in any of the Islands. Much might be said respecting these Islands and their inhabitants, with reference to their Commerce, their Fisheries, and the Administration of Justice, the manner of selling or leasing the Lands, &c. ; but as that would be exceeding the limits of my instructions, I think it advisable to be silent on these points.

The whole respectfully submitted.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,

Your very obedient servant,

(Signed)

C. F. FOURNIER,  
Provl-Surveyor.

Quebec, 15th Sept., 1852.

True Copy.

(Signed,)

JOS. BOUCHETTE,  
For Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Quebec, 16th March, 1853.